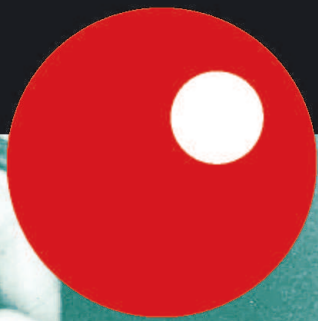


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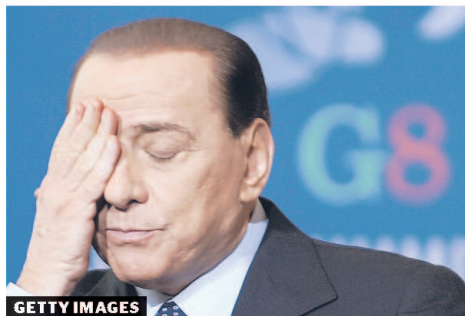
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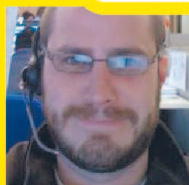


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## Celebrity twin

Do you look like a celebrity? Show us! Send your picture along with the name of the celeb who shares your style to **dlhernandez@tribune.com**. For Thursday, we have Michael Maki. Think he's a ringer for Seth Rogen? Text "**twin**" and the number of your opinion to **39239**. You'll get the poll results instantly. 1. Dead on 2. Way off



Maki



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### To drink

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View the free Inquire Within exhibit at the Chicago Cultural Center (77 E. Randolph St.) and discuss the works at a gallery talk at 12:15 p.m. Thursday featuring Project Onward Director Rob Lentz and three artists with autism.

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# Eyes on adoption

## More orphans coming from African countries

### Associated Press

**LILONGWE, Malawi** Madonna's efforts to adopt two youngsters from Malawi have drawn the paparazzi. But she isn't alone: Westerners are increasingly seeking to bring home children from Africa as traditional sources like China and Russia cut back on adoptions by foreigners.

The rising number of adoptions from Africa—particularly by Americans in Ethiopia—comes as the AIDS epidemic ravaging the continent leaves more orphans in impoverished countries and surviving relatives are unable to care for them.

Americans adopted 1,725 Ethiopian children in the 12-month period ending Sept. 30, 2008, about 70 percent of all U.S. adoptions from Africa, according to the U.S. State Department. The year before, 1,255 Ethiopian children were adopted by Americans.

Thomas DiFilipo, president of the Joint Council on International Children's Services, does not attribute the increase to a celebrity factor, but he says some high-profile adoptions by celebrities have raised awareness of the availability of orphans in Africa.

"One of the good things about the Madonna adoption or Angelina Jolie, those adoptions brought the need to the attention of Europeans or Americans," he said. "And it brought the

### UPWARD TREND

According to the U.S. State Department, 2,399 visas were issued to African children adopted by Americans last year, out of 17,438 adoptions from abroad.

possibility to people's attention."

But critics have slammed Madonna's efforts to adopt a second child from Malawi this week, accusing her of acting like a rich "bully" and using money and status to fast-track the adoption process. On Tuesday, Madonna insisted she was following standard procedures.

Many adoption agencies and child rights activists argue it is preferable for children to be taken care of by relatives or in their communities, with foreign adoptions allowed only as a last resort. Others say that isn't always realistic.

"Ideally more local adoptions would be best, but people aren't coming forward, and if life is better out there then they should take it," said Zoe Cohen, a private adoption consultant in South Africa.

Adoption experts say the rise in adoptions from Africa is due to developments in China, Russia, Guatemala and other longtime sources of orphans that have reduced the number of foreign adoptions. As a result, the number of foreign children adopted by Americans fell 12 percent last year, the lowest level since 1999.



Madonna walks Monday with her adopted son David Banda in Malawi. The pop singer is attempting to adopt a second child from the African country. **AP**

## April Fools?

C'mon, admit it. You swore you weren't going to be tricked, but at some point yesterday someone April-Fooled you. Well, RedEye still has a few jokes up its sleeve (yes, newspapers have sleeves), so we've put together a little quiz. After you finish, let us—and the world—know how you did on Twitter by following **twitter.com/redeyechicago**.

COMPILED BY SCOTT KLEINBERG

Which of these news items from Wednesday are real and which were April Fools jokes? Don't cheat! Try to answer before going to the Web site.

### 1 Starbucks instant coffee

<http://twitpic.com/2oq2f>

First Starbucks introduced two flavors of its instant coffee. Now there's a third.

### 2 New from YouTube

<http://tr.im/i6v7>

YouTube puts a twist on its videos. Just add "&flip=1" to the end of a YouTube URL to activate.

### 3 Two-nosed bunny

<http://tr.im/i6uE>

Awwwwww or whaaaaa? A Connecticut pet shop worker was surprised to see the odd-looking rabbit in a recent shipment.

### 4 Squeez Bacon

<http://tr.im/i6uq>

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### 5 Unemployment Olympics

<http://tr.im/i6zo>

Games included Pin the Blame on the Boss and Office-Phone Skee-Ball.

### 6 Gmail Autopilot

<http://tr.im/i6tY>

Who has time to respond to every e-mail message? Autopilot responds for you.

### 7 Snow beer more popular than Bud Light

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The beer Snow is the biggest-selling beer in China.

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### MORE BAZER

Mark Bazer hosts "The Interview Show" this Friday at The Hideout (1354 W. Wabansia Ave.). \$5. His guests include Mark Caro, Tribune reporter and author of "The Foie Gras Wars."

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## Crisis? What crisis?

Ever since our semi-regular segment "Ask the Man Who Doesn't Understand the Economy" began, the economy has steadily worsened. We'd like to take some credit. Here is yet another installment. Expect more hardship around the corner!

**What gave President Obama the right to essentially fire the CEO of General Motors, Rick Wagoner?** —Nancy B., Berwyn

C'mon, it's hard to get upset over Wagoner's firing. This is the guy who cut costs by eliminating multiple seat belts in GM vehicles and replacing them with one "family-size" belt for all passengers to share. Then he instructed GM dealers to offer prospective customers two-year-long test drives. And he was the one who mandated a car be called the Pontiac Vibe.

**My 401(k) is down. Huge companies are bankrupt. Banks are insolvent.**

**What's going on?** —Jimmy G., Oak Park

There is a finite amount of money in the world. Economists calculate that amount by adding up the cash in everyone's wallet while taking into account which wallets are old and in need of replacement and then subtracting the amount of money it will take to do so. Once you understand this, please write back with your question again.

**President Obama is currently meeting in London with leaders of 19 countries to discuss the global economic crisis. Shouldn't he first worry about the crisis in America?** —Chrissie P., Pilsen

This is the first I've heard of any meeting, but I'll take your word for it. Chrissie, we live in a "global economy." That means the U.S. economy is now inextricably linked to economies of countries around the world, including the country your ancestors fled to America to escape.

**I'd like to take advantage of others' misfortunes and buy a house that's been foreclosed on. How do I do that?** —Bill J., Lake Forest

Foreclosed houses (houses taken over by banks) can be great bargains — and are easy to purchase. You buy foreclosed homes from your local bank teller. But be careful which foreclosed house you choose. To prevent psychological scars, child welfare laws require that any child under 5 who lived in a house that underwent foreclosure must remain in that house for two years with the new owners.

**Given China's vast holdings of U.S. Treasury bonds, should we be worried?** —Bruce F., River North

Too much is made of China's "vast holdings of U.S. Treasury bonds." The Chinese hold \$739 billion in such bonds. China's population is 1.3 billion. When I do the math, I see this means we owe every Chinese person about six bucks, or a sandwich. The problem is the Chinese have been slow to embrace the sandwich. That's one of the items Obama hopes is on the agenda of the summit in London that Chrissie P. of Pilsen says is happening.

**Can I download stocks for free like I download music?**

—Rachel S., Tinley Park

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Tourists visit the lakefront on Wednesday. The group was given a tour by the Tribune, similar to what an Olympic evaluation team will take Sunday. One said Chicago is a "clean, beautiful city," while another questioned whether the city needed the Olympics. **ANTONIO PEREZ/TRIBUNE**

## WHEN JUDGES ARE TOURISTS

### Chicago Tribune

When an international Olympic commission visits Chicago starting Thursday, reporters generally will be kept at arms' length. So the Tribune formed its own international panel by pulling tourists off the street and taking them for a limo ride around the city's proposed venues.

We found them snapping pictures of the American Gothic statue in Pioneer Plaza and at the Harris Family Hostel in the South Loop. They were from such far-flung locales as Australia, Poland and southern Wisconsin, and ranged in age from 18 to 61. In exchange, we promised them lunch.

It's hard for us to know how our city looks to other people. So here is a frank assessment from one group of outsiders: If Chicago's 2016 Summer Olympic bid were judged solely on the aesthetics of the proposed Olympic venues that are downtown, its bid would be formidable indeed, said the panel.

"Spectacular," said Bozidar Ivankovic, 28, of Santiago, Chile, standing on the steps of the Adler Planetarium within sight of proposed rowing,

### THE VERDICT

Voting 6 to 1, the panel voiced enthusiastic approval for the bid while urging a cautious approach to Olympics construction in the neighborhoods.

archery, beach volleyball and indoor venues. "A clean, beautiful city."

They thought the United Center was both dazzling and intimate, a stand-in for a city that felt accommodating even as its skyline kept drawing their eyes upward.

But as the tour headed south, the panelists' enthusiasm grew more muted at the prospect of tearing down Michael Reese Hospital to replace it with the proposed Olympic Village. And questions lingered about the impact of putting a stadium in Washington Park, blocks away from President Obama's home.

"Chicago is already so popular and well-known," said James Marcus, 22, from the United Kingdom, in expressing his doubts for whether Chicago needed the Olympics. "I don't know how necessary it is."

### Oh, and there's Jordan and protests

The images that Chicago will serve up to international Olympics officials in the coming week are changing by the hour, with an appearance by Michael Jordan and yet another community protest among the additions. Long expected to play a role in Chicago's bid, Jordan appears in a promotional video unveiled during a bid news conference Wednesday at Douglas Park, an Olympic venue site on the West Side.

"The Olympic spirit—it's alive in Chicago," His Airness says in the video. "We're ready."

Nonetheless, several protests are expected during the visit.

Activists who want a Chicago Olympics to produce community jobs, minority contracts and affordable housing said Wednesday they will stage a protest during the IOC visit, despite a pending ordinance to ensure some of those benefits.

Protests also are expected by an anti-Olympics group called No Games Chicago and by the Chicago police union, which is unhappy with the progress of its contract talks. **TRIBUNE**

## Man loses his store over pork

### Chicago Tribune

An Arab-American owner of a Chicago-area Dunkin' Donuts store has to give up his franchise after he lost his long-running legal battle with the restaurant chain over his religious objections to selling pork products.

A lawyer for Walid Elkhatib said Tuesday his client is in the process of removing Dunkin' Donuts signs from his Westchester outlet, but apparently not fast enough for the company.

Dunkin' Donuts went to federal court in Chicago on March 27 to stop Elkhatib, 59, from using the company's trademarks and other proprietary materials.

The company's lawsuit came two weeks after a federal jury found that the chain did not discriminate against Elkhatib for refusing to renew his franchise agreement because he declined to sell breakfast sandwiches with bacon, ham or sausage.

The dietary restrictions of Elkhatib's Muslim faith forbid him from eating or handling pork. When he decided to go into the restaurant business, his faith was one of the reasons why he invested in Dunkin' Donuts in 1979. The chain did not introduce breakfast sandwiches until 1984.

For nearly 20 years, Dunkin' Donuts accommodated his religious beliefs, even providing him signs for his store that said, "No meat products available," Elkhatib asserted in court documents. But in 2002, the company reversed course and told him it would not renew his franchise agreement if he did not sell its full line of products.

Elkhatib sued the company but because he is not an employee of Dunkin' Donuts, he could not sue under federal laws banning religious discrimination in the work place. Instead, he invoked a law that bars racial and certain forms of ancestry discrimination in the making of contracts.

Elkhatib's lawyer, Robert Habib, said his client will end his association with Dunkin' Donuts, but he has a 10-year lease on the property and owns the equipment.

"He plans to continue to operate a restaurant," Habib said. "Walid will survive."



## Woman falls to death from opera house

The person who died in a fall from the Civic Opera House on Wacker Drive on Wednesday was a 19-year-old woman, police said. The death was being treated as a possible suicide, police said. Police found a vacant office on the 44th floor, the door to which had apparently been pried open. Inside they found a bag with clothes and "tools," said Lt. Charles Flynn. Officers also found the woman's wallet, cell phone and a camera.

## Final arguments in bar brawl case

Three off-duty police officers beat up a group of men at a West Loop bar for no reason other than they felt like it and figured they could get away with it, prosecutors said during closing arguments at the trial of a police sergeant and two officers charged in the attack. But defense attorneys said the attack was provoked by the alleged victims mocking one of the officers for crying over the recent death of his father.

## Salesman accused in Texas crime

A Chicago man selling magazines door to door is accused of raping an elderly Dallas-area woman and setting her on fire. Police in Grand Prairie, Texas, on Wednesday announced Tuesday night's arrest of 23-year-old Daniel Deshawn Neal in Ft. Worth. Police gave no details on the company that employed Neal.

## Traders indicted on fraud charges

Two Chicago Board of Trade floor traders have been indicted on fraud charges for allegedly engaging in noncompetitive trades that allowed them to pocket more than \$2 million that should have gone to customers, the U.S. attorney's office in Chicago said Wednesday. Edward Sarvey, 46, of Lemont, and David Sklena, 49, of Skokie, will be arraigned at the Dirksen U.S. Courthouse at a later date, the office said.



**Royal George Sundae at Margie's Candy**  
TRIBUNE FILE



**The West Michigan Whitecaps' 4-pound burger**  
AP



**4-pound porterhouse at Chicago Chop House**  
TRIBUNE FILE

# Home to big eats

In the ginormous-food-items department, Chicago is the rule, not the exception. We've got a 4-pound porterhouse for \$105 (Chicago Chop House) and 4-pound pretzels (launching at Wrigley Field soon).

So when we were alerted to a minor-league baseball team in Grand Rapids, Mich., serving a 4-pound, 4,800-calorie, \$20 cheeseburger, we said "Psshaw!" The publicity stunt burger offered by the West Michigan Whitecaps boasts five patties, five slices of cheese, a cup of chili, salsas and chips between an 8-inch-diameter roll.

In pure caloric count, though, the Whitecaps got nothing on the venerable Margie's Candies in Bucktown. Its infamous "Royal George a la George" is about to get supersized.

First, the original: 25 scoops of Margie's ice

cream, a handful of sliced bananas, whipped cream, wafers, nuts, hot fudge, caramel and waffle cones sticking out on all sides. It's served in a glass punch bowl and sells for \$49.95.

"We sold five last weekend," owner Peter Poulos said.

Now Poulos is hoping to double its size, and he hopes to have the "The Big G" (tentative name honoring his son, George) by summer.

"We want to hit \$99.95," Poulos said. "I'm dead serious."

Poulos added: "There's two problems with that. Finding the bowl. And getting the people to carry it over."

So now he's been in talks with Indiana Steel about constructing a custom-stainless steel bowl that would fit the 50-plus scoop behemoth.

Stick a spoon in that, Whitecaps.

## House votes to ban texting while driving

**SPRINGFIELD** This is no LOL matter. Some might say OMG.

The Illinois House wants to bar people from sending or reading text messages while driving.

The House approved the ban 89-27 Wednesday. It now goes to the Senate.

Supporters say texting is a dangerous distraction for drivers. They note that a safety task force for the secretary of state has recommended barring drivers from texting.

Under the legislation, a violation would be a traffic offense like running a stoplight.

That means a texting offense would count toward the three violations that would result in a driver losing his license. Critics of the proposal say that's too harsh.

Illinois already bars teenagers from using cell phones while driving but has no restrictions on texting.

California recently approved a texting-while-driving ban.

## Homicide tracker

By **Tracy Swartz** | REDEYE

March saw a steep decline in homicides from the previous year, while April has already seen its first murder.

March ended this week with a total of 18 homicides, a 45 percent decrease from March 2008. From January through March, there have been 68 homicides, a 21 percent decrease from the same time last year, according to a RedEye analysis of preliminary police information.

Chicago police logged its first April homicide Wednesday when a woman was found killed at a home in the 6800 block of South Peoria Street.

There were 47 homicides in April 2008, according to a police news release at the time: [TSWARTZ@TRIBUNE.COM](mailto:TSWARTZ@TRIBUNE.COM)

*Homicides from March 25 to 4 p.m. Wednesday (Note: All locations had one victim.)*

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Date: March 28 Location: Street
- 4 6800 BLOCK OF S. PEORIA ST.**  
Date: April 1 Location: Residence



### MORE ONLINE ...

For an interactive version of the map, go to [redeyechicago.com/homicides](http://redeyechicago.com/homicides).

### ... AND IN REDEYE

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# Tax credit to boost checks

**5** **WASHINGTON** Most workers will start seeing about a \$10 bump in their weekly paychecks this week, thanks to a new federal tax credit.

The “Making Work Pay” tax credit, which took effect Wednesday, was enacted as part of the economic recovery package that Congress passed in February. It’s the Main Street version of the Wall Street bailout, doled out in bite-sized portions to workers in their paychecks.

Unlike last year, when the government tried to stimulate the economy by mailing

120 million rebate checks to taxpayers, this year’s version will be spread out over the rest of the year in workers’ paychecks. The goal is to get workers to spend the extra money to help jump-start the ailing economy.

“The president has asked every agency to implement this as quickly as possible and that’s what we’re doing,” IRS Commissioner Doug Shulman said in an interview.

President Obama says the tax credit will reach 95 percent of working families.

## HOW IT WORKS

The credit amounts to 6.2 percent of a worker’s earned income, up to \$400 for the year. Married couples filing jointly are eligible for up to \$800. Couples making less than \$150,000 are eligible for the full credit. Couples making between \$150,000 and \$190,000 get reduced credits, while those making more than \$190,000 are ineligible. Individuals making less than \$75,000 are eligible for the full credit, while those making up to \$95,000 get a reduced amount.

## Violence in London



**6** **LONDON** Chanting G-20 protesters clash with riot police in central London on Wednesday, repeatedly overwhelming police lines, vandalizing the Bank of England and smashing windows at the Royal Bank of Scotland. More than 30 people were arrested after some 4,000 protesters clogged London’s financial district for what demonstrators branded “Financial Fool’s Day.” AP

## Get the picture?

A different take on photos in the news.



**1** You’re looking for a deal? Buy and I won’t eat you. How’s that? AP



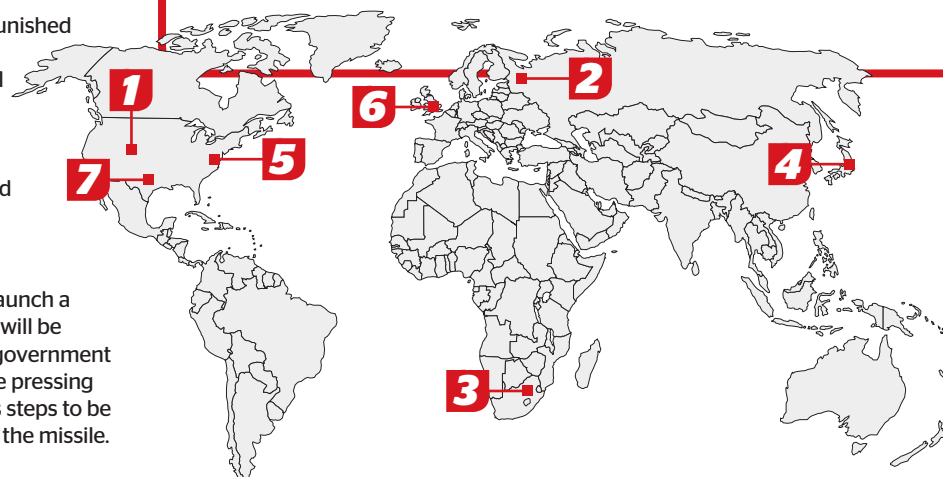
**2** Whoa! Excuse me. Been holding that in for almost 100 years. AP

## Oprah school troubles

**3** Seven students have been punished for violating the code of conduct at Oprah Winfrey’s school for disadvantaged girls outside Johannesburg, South Africa, the second controversy to hit the fledgling institution since it opened in 2007.

## Missile crisis?

**4** As North Korea gears up to launch a ballistic missile that it claims will be carrying a satellite, the Japanese government continues to protest the plan while pressing the UN Security Council to discuss steps to be taken against Pyongyang if it fires the missile.



## Controversial cop resigns

**7** **DALLAS** The police officer who pulled out his gun and threatened an NFL player with jail instead of allowing him inside a hospital where his mother-in-law was dying resigned Wednesday.

Officer Robert Powell had been placed on paid leave pending an investigation of the March 18 incident.

“I made this decision in the hope that my resignation will allow the Dallas Police Department, my fellow officers and the citizens of Dallas to better reflect on this experience, learn from the mistakes made, and move forward,” Powell said in a statement issued through his attorneys.



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# sports



# Behind

**Secret identities, sweltering costumes and skating lessons—inside the lives of mascots**

By Kent Green | FOR REDEYE

Even though tens of thousands of people watch J.D. work, no one knows it's him. Here's a hint: He'll be the guy in the giant bird costume, maybe tackling goalies during an intermission race.

J.D. plays Tommy Hawk, the Blackhawks mascot. He landed the role in December after applying through a job board, sending in a tape and auditioning. He's working hard like any good new hire—testing his routines, developing the character and, because this is his first stint with a hockey team, taking ice-skating lessons.

"A lot of people think that the person in the mascot suit is just some high school or college kid trying to make some extra bucks, you know, just fooling around and stuff like that, whereas a lot of the time, it's actually people who take it seriously," J.D. said.

How seriously? The performers did not want their full names printed (RedEye uses only nicknames in this story), nor would they consent to being photographed out of costume. Some teams go even further: The Bulls and the Wolves wouldn't allow their mascots—Benny the Bull and Skates the Wolf—to be interviewed in or out of character.

And speaking while actually wearing the suit? Not an option, which makes for some sticky situations, like in January when J.D. wasn't able to get past security guards for the Winter Classic at Wrigley Field. He suited up outside the stadium—there was nowhere to dress inside—and he couldn't plead his case. It seems communicating solely through high-fives limits one's negotiation skills. He scrambled to find someone who could vouch that he wasn't just a nut case in a bird suit and eventually made it into the game.

Getting around in the costume is no easy feat either. (Try encasing yourself in a Styrofoam

bodysuit and pulling off a halftime dance routine and you'll begin to understand.)

"The suit's so big, sometimes if you move a certain part of your body, YOU move it, but maybe the suit doesn't move and people can't see it, so you're just kind of standing there, looking weird," J.D. said.

It gets hot in the costumes too.

Jim's first football game as Northwestern's Willie the Wildcat almost was his last. It was the first game of the 2007 season, against Northeastern, and the temperature topped 80 degrees. The Willie suit adds about 40 degrees, and Jim barely made it to the locker room to collapse at halftime.

"I was very close to just passing out on the field, which would have been really awful," he said. "Kids would have been like, 'Mommy, why isn't Willie moving?' 'Oh, he's just taking a catnap.'"

For Jim, keeping his alter ego a secret is tricky with university life. There are six Willie performers, so no one student is burdened with balancing schoolwork and all the mascot appearances. This means that Jim sometimes has to take the suit back to his room to air out or to be ready for a game the next day.

"It's in this really big, giant baseball bag," Jim



said. "So, yeah, sometimes I feel like it's really obvious, but at the same time, maybe people just think I'm the equipment guy moving some stuff around."

Jim thinks he'll hang up the oversize mascot head after college, but J.D. and Pat—who used

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J.D., who plays Tommy Hawk, the Blackhawks mascot



# the mask



Tommy Hawk entertains the crowd at the United Center.  
BRIAN J. MOROWCZYNSKI  
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to play Sky Guy for the Sky and now works for a minor-league baseball team in California—are pursuing mascotting as a career. J.D. might transition to an office-based marketing role when he's no longer able to chase goalies for sport.

While that might be a depressing switch, there's

a least one person who would be excited to see J.D. trade a feathered suit for an Armani one.

"My dad, he kind of is more traditional," J.D. said. "He'd say, 'How's the advertising part of your job going?'"

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## MASCOT MEMORIES



Skates  
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My favorite Skates story, or at least one that amuses me: I set Skates on fire. He came out early for introductions, and he shoots pyro using things we attached to his paws. He went to shoot, and it wasn't tied tight, and it kind of circled around. Everybody was OK. He was a little miffed, maybe, but he recovered. I don't know if it's his favorite story, but it's mine.”

**COURTNEY MAHONEY,**  
who oversees mascot activities for the Wolves



Staley  
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Right after the Bears won the 2006 NFC Championship, I helped Benny with a skit during a Bulls game. Benny was at center court with two suitcases. The announcer asked Benny where he was going. Benny pointed as the announcer said, 'Oh, they're not for you—they're for the official mascot of your 2006 NFC champion Chicago Bears, Staley da Bear!' I was greeted to a standing ovation from a sold-out crowd.”

**STALEY,** Bears



Southpaw  
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Winning the game against the Twins for the Central Division championship in 2008 was one of my favorite games of all time. The crowd was the best I've seen, and they were into every single pitch. Once we clinched, my friends on the team were dousing me with champagne during our celebration on-field. We ran all around the field and celebrated with the fans in the stands.”

**SOUTHPAW,** White Sox

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# Not mascots

Fox chief meteorologist Amy Freeze was the first female sideline reporter for Major League Soccer. See her forecasts on the 9 and 10 p.m. news.



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| <b>1</b> Make a sports prediction for April.   | Jay Cutler will join the Bears, then demand a trade after Lovie doesn't hug him enough.  | Newly hired coach John Calipari will leave Kentucky to manage Kobe Bryant's ego.   | SwartzCenter's fantasy baseball lineup is the dream team. 22 men, no waiting.      | It will rain.   | Chicago Red Stars will go 3-1.   |
| <b>2</b> Who's your favorite Chicago sports mascot?  | Tracy. She's both fictional and furry.   | I've said it before, I'll say it again: Willie the Wildcat is a national treasure. | The Chicago Cougars mascot (1972-75). The Cougs are 37 and extinct, but still hot. | Kirk Hinrich.   | Does my husband count? He was our college mascot ... and yes, he still has the outfit! |
| <b>3</b> What is Southpaw?   | Dads who live in Florida.  | A complicated question. Is he man? Or is he monster? Some would say both ...       | A mascot for the Sox, so obviously Southpaw is of the right mind.                  | Nightmare fuel for South Side kids.   | A kid who had his right hand tied behind his back at an early age.                     |
| <b>4</b> Why does college football have spring practice when games don't start until fall? | The same reason crimes are committed months before the trial starts.                     | Wisconsin requests the extra time to make sure its style of play is boring enough. | College teams should practice gracious losing since UF will win the title again.   | Keeps 'em from harassing nerds.   | They're excited?   |
| <b>5</b> What are you going to miss about Spring Training?                                 | Getting to watch all the up-and-coming bourbon and hookers.                              | Well I think we'll all feel the void left by the Rockies' closer battle.           | Free agents. I hate to see those guys contract anything.                           | Zilch.  | The nail-biting anticipation of Lou's choice for Cubs closer finally ends. :(          |

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## THE CALIPARI BAILOUT

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### HOMETOWN HITS



#### **CUBS 8, OAKLAND 8**

Geovany Soto hit a grand slam and a solo shot, and Carlos Zambrano pitched effectively into the fourth inning Wednesday, helping the Cubs to an 8-8 tie with the Oakland Athletics.



#### **SAN DIEGO 6, WHITE SOX 1**

Jake Peavy had a nearly perfect Spring Training. The streak continued Wednesday as Peavy shut out the White Sox over five innings, and the San Diego Padres breezed to a 6-1 win. Peavy's final spring numbers: 14 innings pitched, no runs allowed. He had 10 strikeouts and no walks.

#### **WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS**

- » Blackhawks 3, St. Louis 1
- » Peoria 3, Wolves 0

#### **U.S. 3, TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO 0**

Jozy Altidore became the youngest American with an international hat trick, and the U.S. beat Trinidad and Tobago 3-0 on Wednesday to maintain its lead in the final qualifying round for the 2010 World Cup.

#### **ONE LINERS**

» Venus and Serena Williams say will meet Thursday night in the semifinals at the Sony Ericsson Open. » Cleveland Browns wide receiver Donte Stallworth was charged Wednesday with killing a pedestrian last month while driving drunk after a night out at a swank South Beach nightspot.

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# Deja new

What's old is new again when recently opened spots start sporting familiar names

By Lisa Arnett and M. Kathleen Pratt

**H**ave you been caught sitting solo at Crossroads in Lincoln Park while your crew toasts without you at The CrossRoads in the West Loop? It's understandable. Several bars and restaurants have recently opened with names that are similar—or in some cases, exactly the same—as existing spots. We'll help you learn who's who and what's what.

## The CrossRoads Bar & Grill

1120 W. Madison St. 312-243-1113  
West Loop condo dwellers are happily filling the whiskey-barrel tables at this Southern-inspired tavern named for a Mississippi Delta legend. If you're not hungry enough for pulled pork or po' boys, satisfy your sweet tooth with Mississippi mud cake (\$6.95) and The Jimi, a dessert pint of Young's Double Chocolate Stout layered over raspberry wheat beer Abita Purple Haze (\$6).

**Not to be confused with: Crossroads Public House** (2630 N. Clark St. 773-248-3900), where cheap food and drink packages have become legendary among thrifty, thirsty Lincoln Parkers.

## Via Ventuno

2110 S. Wabash Ave. 312-328-1198  
Just one week old, this flashy Italian reconcept of the restaurant formerly known as Room 21 already is a bit of an old soul, thanks to decor that incorporates an intriguing collection of artwork and other artifacts from restaurateur Jerry Kleiner's personal collection. It's named for nearby 21st Street.

**Not to be confused with: Via Veneto** (6340 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-267-0888), a white-tablecloth Northwest Side spot that actually has been turning out Italian standards for more than two decades. It's named for the far-off Italian region that's home to Venice.

## Province

161 N. Jefferson St. 312-669-9900  
Stop in for cocktails and a bite after work or spend an evening working your way through the menu-of-many-portion-sizes at this 5-month-old West Loop spot where chef Randy Zweiban serves contemporary American fare with Latin and Spanish spins.

**Not to be confused with: Provenance** (2528 N. California Ave. 773-384-0699; 2312 W. Leland Ave. 773-784-2314), a cute wine shop and gourmet grocer with locations in Logan and Lincoln Squares, where the main attraction comes in only one size: by the bottle.

## Simone's Bar

960 W. 18th St. 312-666-8601  
The newest baby in the Northside/Street Side/Logan Bar & Grill family, Simone's has been servicing Pilsen with funky cocktails and good-enough bar eats for nearly two months. Thanks to a truly diverse entertainment lineup, you might catch anything from rockabilly kids jitterbugging to '50s doo-wop to DJs spinning reggae and soul.

**Not to be confused with: Historic Andersonville bar Simon's Tavern** (5210 N. Clark St. 773-878-0894), where hardly anything's changed at all in years—not the hours of operation, not the Prohibition-era wooden bar, and not the down-to-earth bartenders or neighborhood crowd.

## COMEBACK KIDS?

These new spots may have names that are dead ringers for now-closed spots, but they're definitely not the same.

## Fuel Kitchen & Cocktail Lounge

1725 W. Division St.  
773-782-6034

A cafe by day and a lounge by night, this mod Wicker Park spot isn't a revival of Fuel, which occupied a spot on Clark Street's bar row before it reopened as The Full Shilling. It is, however, a prime stop to get buzzed on Red Bull or espresso-fueled martinis and admire the staff's hip hairstyles, from faux hawk to Pete Wentz shag.

## District Bar

170 W. Ontario St. 312-337-3477  
This River North sports lounge aiming to open this weekend or next has no relation to District, the club that occupied 858 W. Lake St. before Reserve took up residence. Here you'll find plenty of TVs for sports-watching and couches for lounging, plus a nod to Chicago's speakeasy past with a revolving bookcase entrance to a private party room.



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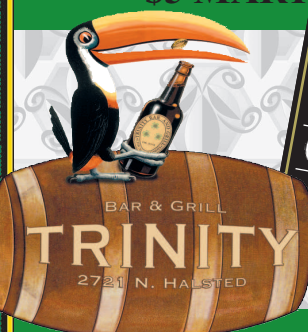
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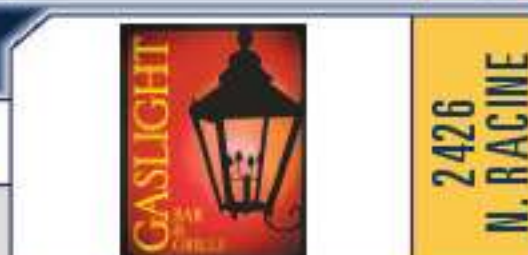
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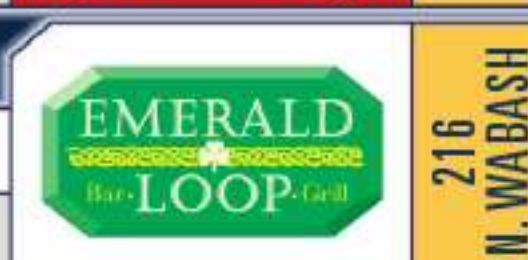
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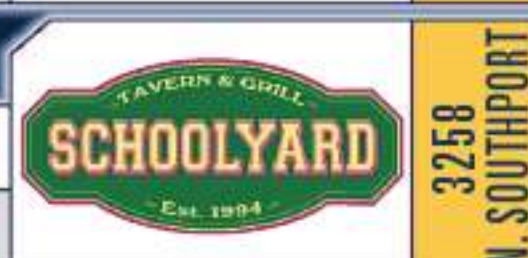
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# Patty meltdown

When I heard the menu was changing at Goose Island Brewpub, a spot synonymous with burgers and beer in Chicago, I balked. Why tinker with a good thing? But there's a sensible reason for the changes. The good people of Goose Island offer some sophisticated beers at the brewpub, and they decided it was high time the food caught up. To assist in the effort, Goose Island turned to John Manion, former chef-owner of Wicker Park's now-shuttered Mas and the mastermind behind the menu at West Town newcomer Old Oak Tap. Being quite devoted to the Old Oak burger, the Great Burgerelli instantly was drawn to Manion's work at Goose Island. One new item in particular caught my eye: the pate burger, a \$14 half-pounder topped with caramelized onions, blue cheese and duck liver pate with house-made quince butter.

## Burgerelli's breakdown

**The burger:** I had high hopes, so it is with a heavy heart that I must tell you that my burger was overcooked, arriving medium-well instead of medium-rare as ordered. What's more, it showed signs of being flattened on the grill, stripping it of remaining juicy potential.

**The bun:** Quite passable bioche, though it is difficult to determine the true merit of a bun unless it is put to the test of supporting a juicy burger.

**The fixings:** Oh my! What wonderfully beer-addled mind dreamt up this heavenly combination of toppings? Sweet onions and rich pate provide just the right balance to the Amablu cheese, a tart cave-aged blue. Sweet quince butter completes the vision. Alas, if only I was not so lost in lament over the patty, I could have truly enjoyed these strokes of genius.

**Everything else:** Give me a pile of frites and ramekin of aioli in all its garlicky glory and I shall die a happy man. I also have been known to swoon over a fine ale, and Goose Island does not want for lack of such pleasures. Current indulgences on tap include Night Stalker, a hoppy imperial stout, and an equally delightful imperial IPA.

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Goose Island Brewpub's pate burger  
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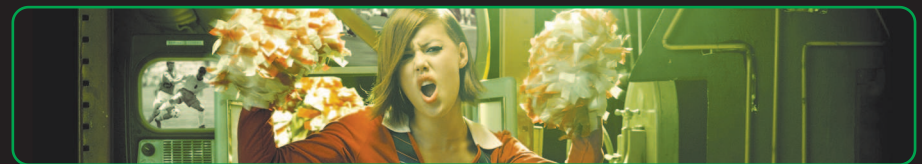
## About the Great Burgerelli

Who is the Great Burgerelli, you ask? I, the Great Burgerelli, am a fearless seeker of fine burgers.

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### ADDITION SPORTS BAR AND GRILL

\$2.50 nachos (after 2 p.m.), \$3.50 import bottles; 1023 W. Lake St., 312-421-8845.

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10 p.m.: Stardust. Dance to tunes ranging from hip-hop to pop at this LGBTQA community dance party. \$5 at the door. Tickets: [stardust@berlinchicago.com](mailto:stardust@berlinchicago.com); 954 W. Belmont Ave. 773-348-4975.

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### RISQUE CAFE

Half-price appetizers, \$2 Bud Light bottles; 3419 N. Clark St. 773-525-7711.

### RODAN

DJs spin punk, hip-hop, soul, disco and more 10 p.m.-2 a.m. No cover; 1530 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773-276-7036.

### SMALL BAR

\$1 Two Brothers drafts; 2956 N. Albany Ave. 773-509-9888.

### SONOTHEQUE

9 p.m.: Brazilliance. DJ Joe Bryl spins beats from the South American country during a dance party that also features Rio-inspired cocktails. El Nico hosts. \$5, no cover before 10 p.m. or with RSVP: [nick.lambrou@gmail.com](mailto:nick.lambrou@gmail.com); 1444 W. Chicago Ave. 312-226-7600.

### THEORY

\$6 select Belvedere cocktails, \$10 lobster rolls; 9 W. Hubbard St. 312-644-0004.

### UNION PARK

\$5 pizzas, \$5 domestic pitchers, \$5 bombs; 228 S. Racine Ave. 312-243-9002.

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8 p.m.: Dirty Bingo. The popular board game gets a raunchy reworking at this monthly bash. The \$10 cover buys players 10 Bingo boards and one drink (each additional board costs \$1; every \$10 board comes with a drink). Includes prizes and drink specials such as \$4 Miller Lite pitchers, \$4 martinis and \$5 bombs. \$10; 2610 N. Halsted St. 773-348-5600.



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#### Ghosthouse

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**When:** 9 p.m. Thursday

**Where:** Abbey Pub, 3240 W. Grace St.

**Tickets:** \$20; Call 773-478-4408

**By Matt Kuhn**  
FOR REDEYE

Hip-hop beats, electro-synths and battle-worthy rhymes best describe the genetic makeup of Ghosthouse.

Add rock to that mix, and Ghosthouse seems unstoppable. The group—producer/MC Jimmy Con, freestyle MC A.D.D. and hook/keyboards enthusiast Chuck New—recently started performing with local rock band Breakers Broken.

With high-profile opening gigs for such veterans as The Roots, Q-Tip and Common, the supergroup is creating huge buzz among the emerging hip-hop/electro-rock scene.

“Opening up for The Roots was an awesome experience,” Jimmy Con told RedEye. “We love their music.”

RedEye recently chatted with the guys from Ghosthouse.

**1 You guys were just selected to URB magazine’s “Next 1,000” list. For people who don’t know, what does this mean?**

**Jimmy Con:** URB selects 20 breaking artists every week for a year, then fans listen and vote on who they like the best. URB magazine is a great platform for breaking artists. Because of our fans we’re not just another name on the list; we have been able to take our music to the next level.

**2 Why add a rock band to the equation?**

**JC:** We knew Breakers Broken from high school and actually hooked up with them last summer at Battle of the Bands. We felt they would add a diverse element to our sound and take our live shows to the next level.

**3 You’ll be opening up for Wu-Tang Clan member GZA. Which members of Wu-Tang Clan influenced you the most?**

**JC:** There are so many, and they are one [of] our biggest influences, but I would say RZA, Method Man, and Raekwon. ... Oh, and Ghostface too!

**A.D.D.:** RZA, GZA and Ghostface, for sure.

**Chuck New:** Method Man.

**4 What was your overall vision for your album “Group Therapy”?**

**JC:** Basically, we wanted to meld all of our different styles and influences together to create something unique. Every time we stepped into the studio it really was like group therapy—we just let everything out and that’s what we put on the album.

**5 Your single “Samuel L. Jackson” is getting heavy air play; what would Mr. Jackson have to say about the track?**

**JC:** That’s one bad mother-[bleep]!

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# Musical

**By Michael Schmitt**  
FOR REDEYE

Paul Cary is finding his musical feet again.

Cary played his first live shows at age 15 in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. But after not getting very far musically, he moved to the Windy City in 2004. He found out that uprooting his life took time away from his music.

“The transition was tough. Getting a job, finding a place to live,” he said. “I wanted to make sure I had something to fall back on. I started an apprenticeship in carpentry. I’ve got that figured out now.

“It’s just easier to focus on music knowing that you have something else.”

His album, “Ghost of a Man,” which dropped Tuesday, is a reference to this separation from music.

“Steve Hitchcock, who runs the label I’m releasing the album on, he said, ‘Why don’t you stop being such a [damn] ghost?’” Cary said. “It came from him, that’s where the





## On the download

top downloaded songs from March 23-30

### Chicago Top 10

| No. | Song, Artist                        | LW |
|-----|-------------------------------------|----|
| 1   | "Dead And Gone" T.I.                | 1  |
| 2   | "Kiss me thru the phone" Soulja Boy | 3  |
| 3   | "Mad" Ne-Yo                         | 10 |
| 4   | "Green Light" John Legend           | 5  |
| 5   | "Love Story" Taylor Swift           | 4  |
| 6   | "Halo" Beyonce                      | 6  |
| 7   | "Poker Face" Lady GaGa              | 2  |
| 8   | "Let It Rock" Kevin Rudolf          | 12 |
| 9   | "Right Round" Flo Rida              | 8  |
| 10  | "Just Dance" Lady GaGa              | 11 |

### National Top 10

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| 8   | "Halo" Beyonce                      | 6  |
| 9   | "Right Round" Flo Rida              | 7  |
| 10  | "I'm Me" Lil Wayne                  | 22 |

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## spirit

idea was born."

Just as Cary is reconnecting with his musical self, so too does the album straddle two separate periods. Cary explained that half of the songs were recorded in the summer of 2007, while the other half were recorded much later in the basement of his drummer's office.

"It's kind of a Frankenstein album," he said. "It's anywhere from rock 'n' roll to sonic explosions to folky singer/songwriter material."

A veteran of European and national tours, Cary is hesitant about extensive live support of the new album. He'd like to revisit Europe, of course, but only for a few days.

"I'm 31, I don't really feel like riding around in a stinky bus and sleeping on floors anymore," he said, laughing. "That's why I got a job."

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Paul Cary

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### Paul Cary

opening for Tacoma Narrows

**When:** 9:30 p.m. Thursday

**Where:** Whistler, 2421 N. Milwaukee Ave.

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The Black Fortys

## Thursday concerts

### ALAN GRESIK'S SWING SHIFT ORCHESTRA

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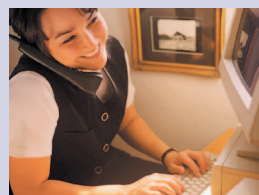
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## Medical show a big break for local actor

Former Chicagoan Sharif Atkins (right) hit the big time, literally, when he starred in "The Big Time."

The made-for-TV movie led him to "ER" after John Wells, producer for both projects, wanted Atkins for a five-episode arc on the medical series. It turned into a five-year run as Michael Gallant, a mild-mannered County General doctor who was killed by a roadside bomb in Iraq in 2006.

"It was a big deal to be thrust onto this international stage with this show that was loved worldwide," said Atkins, a Northwestern grad whose family lives in the Hyde Park area. "I was stopped by a couple from Venezuela walking down Michigan Avenue. They had seen it. You realized that it was a show that everyone really loved and really got into."

Atkins, 34, said he filmed three or four times in Chicago and "I was Will Smith/Tom Cruise for the day because I had all my friends there."

These days, Atkins lives in L.A. and misses the camaraderie of the show. He said one of his favorite memories on "ER" was an exchange with Maura Tierney, who played nurse-cum-doctor Abby Lockhart.

Atkins, who was new to the show, was trying to "make interesting choices with his character." Atkins said Tierney told him flat-out, "Sharif, you just got to make your choice. This is your character."

Since his time on the show ended, Atkins has appeared on "The 4400" and "Numb3rs" and guest-starred in "Cold Case" in an episode that aired last month. He also recently finished filming for the musical flick "Preacher's Kid," due out this year.

Atkins said it would have been "cool" if his character returned to "ER" for its final season like former stars George Clooney and Anthony Edwards, but he was happy with the way Gallant died because Atkins was allowed to take risks with his character. [TSWARTZ@TRIBUNE.COM](mailto:TSWARTZ@TRIBUNE.COM)



(Top) Shane West as Ray Barnett and Parminder Nagra as Neela Rasgotra jog along the Lakefront Path. (Above) Angela Bassett as Cate Banfield and Anthony Edwards as Mark Greene stand near the Chicago River. NBC

## 'ER' by the numbers

# 54

Times the show  
filmed in Chicago

**\$1.4 million:** Amount "ER" spent in Chicago in 2008

**\$2.3 million:** Amount "ER" spent in Chicago in 2007

**\$2.9 million:** Amount "ER" spent in Chicago in 2006

**\$16 million:** Amount A&E's "The Beast" spent filming in Chicago in 2008.

SOURCE: ILLINOIS FILM OFFICE

## Characters that made our pulses race

Here's how we rank some of the longer-running "ER" characters, from coma-inducing 1 to a hyperventilating 8.

**Dr. Doug Ross**  
1994-99, 2009  
George Clooney

Earnest and hand-some ... code blue!



**Rachel Greene**  
1994-2000  
Yvonne Zima  
Spawn of Doc Greene. She was the devil.

**Dr. Susan Lewis**  
1994-96,  
2001-05, 2009  
Sherry Stringfield  
Great to look at, but not complicated enough.

**Carol Hathaway**  
1994-2000, 2009  
Julianna Margulies  
Show's Florence Nightingale.



**Dr. John Carter**  
1994-2006, 2009  
Noah Wyle

His return this year shows he was the glue.



**Dr. Mark Greene**  
1994-2002, 2008  
Anthony Edwards  
We're still weeping over his passing.



**Dr. Peter Benton**  
1994-2001, 2009  
Eriq La Salle  
Prince of pout.



**Jerry Markovic**  
1994-2006,  
2008-09  
Abraham Benrubi  
Counterbalance to docs' egos.

**Jeanie Boulet**  
1995-99, 2008  
Gloria Reuben  
Too fragile for rough ER.

**Dr. Kerry Weaver**  
1995-2009,  
Laura Innes  
Compelling villain, but uncrimping was too much.





# Chicago insider

As the hit show comes to a close, we look at its impact on the city

By Tracy Swartz  
REDEYE

Don't feel too sorry for the patients who flew by helicopter to County General Hospital on "ER."

On the show, patients often were wheeled into a trauma room for an emergency surgical procedure to stabilize their breathing or attach a dismembered limb.

In reality, the actors were ushered into a \$7,000-a-night suite at Chicago Hilton and Towers, which has provided the heliport for "ER" scenes for about a decade.

"The roof of the hotel is the roof of the hospital on 'ER,'" said Hilton spokesman Robert Allegrini. "It was great for our guests to be able to go back home to say 'You'll never guess what happened...'"

When County General closes its doors Thursday after 15 seasons on NBC, a chapter in Chicago film history also will end. More than 150 locations in Chicago have been used to film "ER" since 1994, according to data supplied by the Chicago Film Office.

The show, which is supposed to be based on life in a Chicago emergency room, has left quite a footprint here. "ER" pumped about \$33.5 million into the local economy over the last 15 years, according to Illinois Film Office managing director Betsy Steinberg. Cast and crew ate in local res-

taurants and stayed in hotels, and Chicago actors often were used as recurring extras.

"It brought a lot of work to Chicago actors," said Kurt Naebig, who played a paramedic in two episodes.

Naebig's first appearance was in 1995, in the most-watched episode in "ER" history. Forty-eight million people tuned in to see George Clooney's character, Dr. Doug Ross, save a 12-year-old boy stuck in a storm drain. Naebig played the paramedic who argued with Ross about where to take the boy after he was rescued. Ross and the boy flew by helicopter to County General.

"It was two-minute scene with him. ... I had no idea the power of this TV show," said Naebig, 45, of Lombard. "The phone started ringing at about 9 a.m. I just kept clicking over from one phone call to the next."

Naebig said he got paid \$800 for the scene, but still receives residuals from the re-airing of the episode, which netted five Emmy nominations. In 2000, Naebig played a different paramedic in an episode that guest-starred Sally Field. That episode was shot near State and Oak Streets, Naebig said.

For the most part, the show filmed in L.A., but "ER" came to Chicago at least a few times each season, the film office records show.

When the cast came to town, the fans knew it.

Clooney, John Stamos and the rest of the crew were regulars at Rosebud on Rush on filming days, general manager Dino Mazzei said.

One night the cast got an ovation from diners, Mazzei said, and the stars also signed autographs.

"It's very good for business," Mazzei said. "We're going to miss them."

Roxanne Atkins, public relations manager for Gibsons Restaurant Group, said Stamos recently came in for lunch and read a script, which he later autographed for Gibsons. Atkins said he also mentioned Gibsons in an episode.

The cast and crew showed up a few times at North Pond restaurant in Lincoln Park. But they weren't there to unwind—they were there to work.

The show filmed at the restaurant about eight years ago and again in 2006, when it served as a backdrop for a funeral reception, chef Bruce Sherman said. The restaurant stayed open during filming and Parminder Nagra, who played Dr. Neela Rasgotra, later dined there, Sherman said.

"My daughter came down—she was 9—got her autograph. She still has the autograph sitting up on the bulletin board in her room," Sherman said. "It's pretty cool to be a part of it." [TSWARTZ@TRIBUNE.COM](mailto:TSWARTZ@TRIBUNE.COM)

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### Head Case

9 p.m. Fridays, Starz

Therapist-to-the-stars Elizabeth Goode (Alexandra Wentworth) is the real nut job in this improved comedy.

CURT WAGNER, REDEYE

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» For a photo gallery of where "ER" filmed in Chicago, go to [redyechicago.com/erchicago](http://redyechicago.com/erchicago)

**Dr. Robert Romano**  
1997-2003, 2008  
Paul McCrane

Best villain, and he paid for it—with his arm.

**Dr. Gregory Pratt**  
2002-08  
Mekhi Phifer

He fought the good fight.

**Dr. Archie Morris**  
2003-09  
Scott Grimes

Brought an earnest soulfulness to the place.

**Dr. Kevin Moretti**  
2007-08  
Stanley Tucci

Icky, but good icky.

**Dr. Elizabeth Corday**  
1997-2004, 2009  
Alex Kingston

She was in 160 episodes and ... who was she again?

**Lucy Knight**  
1998-2000  
Kellie Martin

Med student extraordinaire pays the price.

**Dr. Luka Kovac**  
1999-2008  
Goran Visnjic

Great to look at, but way too complicated.

**Dr. Neela Rasgotra**  
2003-09  
Parminder Nagra

What was her story?

**Dr. Tony Gates**  
2005-09  
John Stamos

He's cute. OK, we get it.

**Dr. Cate Banfield**  
2008-09, Angela Bassett

Didn't show a smile until last week. Too late.

**Abby Lockhart**

1995-2009  
Maura Tierney

She was a mess—she had a thing for docs.



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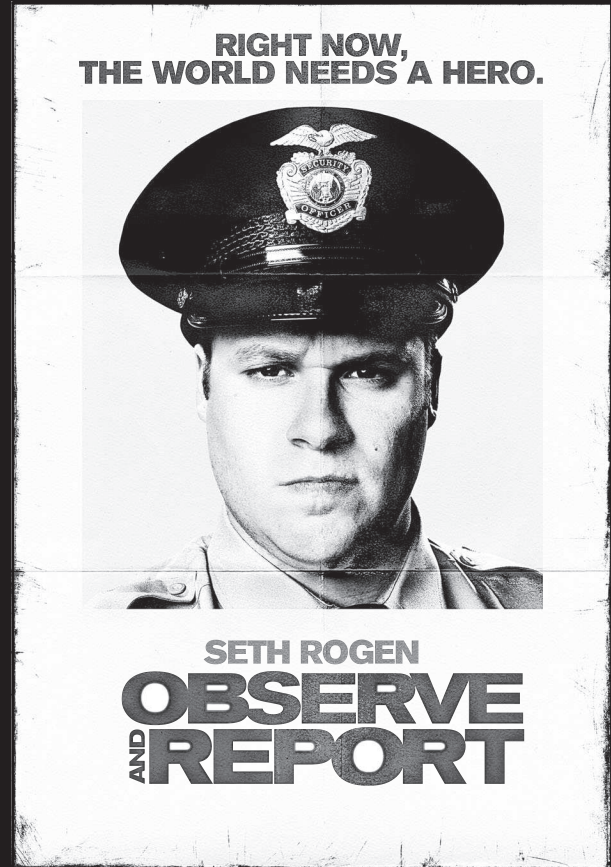


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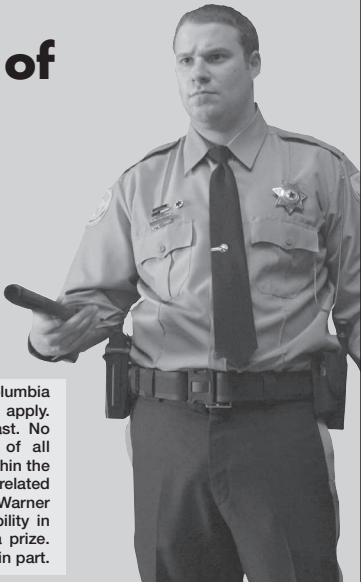
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ <b>Valentino</b> (NR) 2:00, 4:20, 7:00, 9:45</li><li>■ <b>Goodbye Solo</b> (NR) 1:45, 4:10, 6:45, 9:30</li><li>■ <b>Sunshine Clean</b> (R) 1:50, 3:00, 4:30, 5:30, 6:30, 7:30, 8:45, 10:10</li><li>■ <b>Slumdog Mill</b> (R) 1:30, 4:15, 7:10, 10:00</li><li>■ <b>The Class</b> (PG-13) 3:10, 9:45</li><li>■ <b>Two Lovers</b> (R) 1:35, 4:00, 7:20, 9:50</li></ul>   |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ <b>Monsters vs.</b> (PG) 1:30, 2:00, 3:00, 3:45, 4:10, 5:15, 6:15, 6:45, 7:30, 8:30, 9:00, 9:50</li><li>■ <b>12 Rounds</b> (PG-13) 1:35, 4:15, 7:05, 9:45</li><li>■ <b>Haunting in CT</b> (PG-13) 1:30, 2:15, 3:00, 4:00, 5:00, 5:45, 6:45, 7:30, 8:15, 9:15, 10:00</li><li>■ <b>I Love You, Man</b> (R) 1:50, 4:20, 7:00, 9:30</li><li>■ <b>Knowing</b> (PG-13) 1:40, 2:20, 4:15, 5:15, 8:15</li><li>■ <b>Witch Mount</b> (PG) 1:45, 4:20, 6:45, 9:00</li><li>■ <b>Last House</b> (R) 2:10, 4:45, 7:20, 10:00</li><li>■ <b>Watchmen</b> (R) 1:45, 5:30, 9:00</li><li>■ <b>Madagascar</b> (PG-13) 2:05, 4:30, 7:10, 9:35</li></ul> |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ <b>Tokyo!</b> (NR) 4:50 P.M.</li><li>■ <b>AMC Select Brothers at War</b> (NR) 1:50, 7:05</li><li>■ <b>AMC Select Crossing Over</b> (R) 2:00, 4:25</li><li>■ <b>Confess-Shop</b> (PG) 2:30, 7:40</li><li>■ <b>AMC Select The Wrestler</b> (R) 2:20, 7:20</li><li>■ <b>AMC Select The Reader</b> (R) 4:30, 7:15</li><li>■ <b>AMC Select Doubt</b> (PG-13) 5:00 P.M.</li></ul>   |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ <b>Haunting in CT</b> (PG-13) ★ 1:20, 4:30, 7:30, 10:20</li><li>■ <b>Monsters</b> (PG) ★ 1:30, 4:00, 6:30, 9:00</li><li>■ <b>12 Rounds</b> (PG-13) ★ 2:10, 4:50, 7:20, 10:10</li><li>■ <b>Knowing</b> (PG-13) ★ 12:20, 1:15, 3:20, 4:20, 6:15, 7:15, 9:15, 10:15</li><li>■ <b>I Love You, Man</b> (R) ★ 12:30, 1:40, 3:30, 4:40, 6:40, 7:45, 9:30, 10:30</li><li>■ <b>Duplicity</b> (PG-13) ★ 12:10, 1:00, 3:10, 4:10, 6:05, 7:00, 9:10, 10:00</li><li>■ <b>Watchmen</b> (R) 2:45, 6:20, 9:45</li><li>■ <b>He's Just Not</b> (PG-13) 1:10, 4:15, 7:10, 10:05</li></ul>   |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ <b>Monsters</b> (PG) 11:00, 12:00, 1:10, 2:10, 3:20, 4:20, 5:30, 6:30, 7:40, 8:40, 9:50</li><li>■ <b>Sunshine Clean</b> (R) 12:20, 2:35, 4:50, 7:10, 9:25</li><li>■ <b>Duplicity</b> (PG-13) 11:00, 1:40, 4:20, 7:00, 9:40</li><li>■ <b>I Love You, Man</b> (R) 12:25, 2:45, 5:05, 7:25, 9:45</li><li>■ <b>Knowing</b> (PG-13) 11:20, 2:00, 4:40, 7:20, 10:00</li><li>■ <b>Witch Mount</b> (PG) 12:00, 2:15, 4:30, 6:45, 9:00</li></ul>  |  |
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# WWE's Copeland lives on the 'Edge'

You might not know it from watching him on TV, but Adam Copeland is a pretty nice guy.

Wrestling fans know Copeland as "Edge," the self-proclaimed Rated R Superstar of World Wrestling Entertainment. And while he plays the bad guy in the ring, he's a fan favorite.

When he's not in character, Copeland's an easygoing fellow who just enjoys life, especially when it comes to wrestling.

"I just show up and have fun and leave it there," he said during a recent phone interview. "Really, that's my mentality now. Put me in the ring, and that's when the serious side will turn on."

That serious side has been on display in his current WWE story line: He's the reigning world heavyweight champion. As Edge, Copeland has been using both his brain and his brawn to hold on to his coveted title, turning the sport of wrestling into pure soap opera.

"I get a chuckle out of it. ... I get to be the conniving, scheming guy who is trying to figure out how to keep his powerful wife with him," he said of "WWE SmackDown" general manager Vickie Guerrero, whom he is not married to in real life.

"Meanwhile, he's cheated on her. ... I hate talking in third person when it comes to the character, but it just ends up that way."

The story line will reach its climax Sunday during "WrestleMania 25," WWE's most celebrated pay-per-view broadcast of the year. It is broadcast live from Houston this year.

In a featured Triple Threat match, Edge will try to defend his title against Paul "The Big Show" Wight and John Cena.

Copeland says his matches with Cena, whose movie "12 Rounds" is in theaters, always have surprised him.

"Cena and I, for some reason [really work]," he said. "On paper you wouldn't necessarily know it. ... I always liken him and me to Yankees/Red Sox. The rivalry is just there."

As much fun as the Cena rivalry is, Copeland relishes working matches with different wrestlers.

"I pretty much like the challenge of figuring out how to have a good match with anyone on the roster," he said. "Whatever you put in front of me, I'm gonna try to knock it out of the park."

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"WrestleMania 25" airs at 7 p.m. Sunday. Check with your cable/satellite provider.

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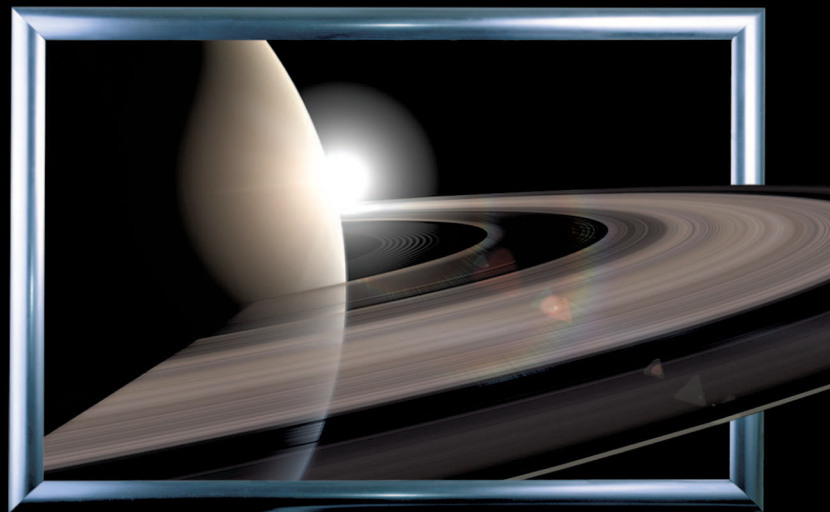
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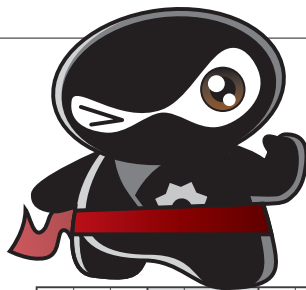
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# OH NO SHE DIDN'T!

In the May issue of *Glamour*, cover girl Miley Cyrus makes a thinly veiled attack on her pop tart contemporaries, such as Britney Spears and Lindsay Lohan, who have been known for their high-profile partying.

"I think it's selfish to go out partying all the time, especially if you have little ones [in your family]," she tells the mag. "I have a 9-year-old sister, and I don't want her to go to school and have people make fun of her for it."

And as for her 20-year-old boyfriend, model Justin Gaston? The 16-year-old Cyrus says her critics need to step off.

"I don't feel like I'm doing anything wrong, and I'm ready for people to accept it," she says. "My fans already accept it—they just want me to be

happy. And I haven't been that happy in a few years ... working so hard, moving to L.A. from Nashville, going through a bad breakup [with Nick Jonas]. I'm finally happy again, and I think that is reflected in my music and my work."

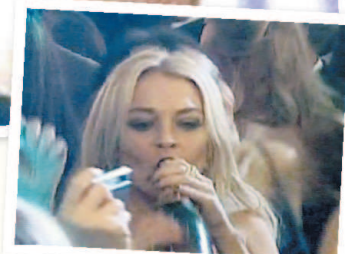
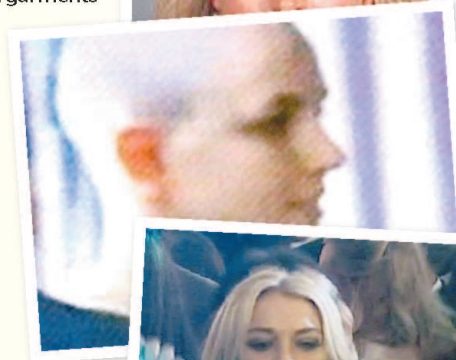
Whatever you say, Miley. At any rate, RedEye's here to keep you on the right track. We even went to the trouble of drawing up a list of do's and don'ts to make sure you steer clear of the controversies Spears and Lohan have gotten into.

## DO ...

- ☒ Continue to work for a living

## DON'T ...

- ☒ Leave the house without undergarments
- ☒ Shave your head
- ☒ Bother Jack Nicholson
- ☒ Go clubbing on a Monday
- ☒ Call your fans sickos
- ☒ Take a years-long hiatus
- ☒ Date a paparazzo
- ☒ Develop a Cheeto's addiction
- ☒ Get arrested
- ☒ Wear hoodies, like, all the time
- ☒ Use an umbrella as a weapon
- ☒ Blog too much
- ☒ Get probation
- ☒ Get a moving violation
- ☒ Say nasty things in magazine interviews







**Tina Fey and Amy Poehler on 'Saturday Night Live'**  
NBC

## And the Peabody goes to ...

Making fun of the presidential campaign paid off for "Saturday Night Live," which won a Peabody Award on Wednesday, the AP reports. TV shows "Lost" and "Entourage" also nabbed Peabodys, which recognize broadcasting excellence in news and entertainment. Peabody Director Horace Newcomb said this year's winners reflect new ways to distribute information, which was pretty apparent with YouTube and The Onion News Network walking away with awards as well.

### Test your friends

How well do you know MySpace Tom? A new game show by the social networking site will test how well best friends know each other through trivia and challenges, Variety reports. It will be a weekly series, hosted by Amy Schumer, a finalist on NBC's "Last Comic Standing," and it launches April 2 and runs through June 30.

### Mr. 'Bright' side

Josh Schwartz, the producer behind TV's "Gossip Girl" and "Chuck," is making the big leap to film. Variety reports Schwartz is set to write and make his feature directorial debut with a remake of the 1984 Jay McInerney novel "Bright Lights, Big City," which also was a 1988 movie starring Michael J. Fox and Kiefer Sutherland.



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## Just kidding!

April Fools! Fall for any good jokes Wednesday? Here are some of our favorites:



### Bjork

The Icelandic singer wrote on her Web site, [bjork.com](http://bjork.com), that she accepted the position of lead vocalist for Led Zeppelin, saying the tour would

kick off in June. Readers who clicked on the link got a message that said "nah! april fools!"



### Nine Inch Nails

Trent Reznor posted on his site, [nin.com](http://nin.com), that a new album—produced by

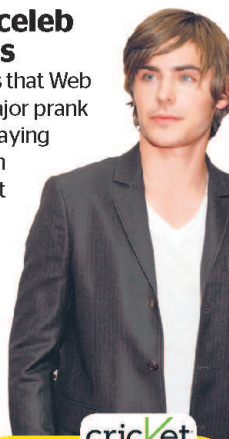
Timbaland—called "Strobe Light" was available for download. When gullible fans entered their e-mail addresses to buy the goods, an old-school blue computer error screen popped up, saying "Aprl Fls" popped up.

### Blogs and celeb gossip sites

[Mtv.com](http://Mtv.com) reports that Web sites pulled a major prank on Twilighers, saying Robert Pattinson had dropped out of "New Moon."

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even "reported" Zac Efron (right) was replacing him. Ooh, don't mess with the Twihards.



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## Going GaGa

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Why should Hollywood have all the fun? A contest launched by 20th Century Fox will determine the destination for the world premiere of "X-Men Origins: Wolverine," **people.com** reports. Voting takes place on the official movie site ([x-menorigins.com/premiere](http://x-menorigins.com/premiere)). The best part? Star Hugh Jackman plans to make an appearance. "I hope we go to someplace I've never been in my life before," he says, according to **people.com**. The fiercest battles currently appear to be on the eastern side of the country. C'mon, Chicago—gotta represent.

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### Megan, out

With one last caw and a final odd dance move, Megan Joy Corkrey flew the "American Idol" coop Wednesday. America voted her off, and the judges didn't even wait for her final performance before saying they wouldn't save her. "With the greatest respect when you said that you don't care," judge Simon Cowell said coldly, "nor do we. This is your swan song." Simon was responding to a comment Megan—famous for making bird noises during the show—made earlier in the night. Anoop Desai and Allison Iraheta also were in the bottom three.



### Laugh riot

For one week in June, Chicago's going to be known as the Giggly City.

Ellen DeGeneres, Lisa Lampanelli, Jimmy Fallon and David Alan Grier will perform in TBS' "Very Funny" Festival: Just for Laughs," which will take place from June 17-21 at various venues. Other comics set to perform during the week include George Lopez, Bill Engvall, Russell Peters, Louis CK, Jim Jefferies, Bob Odenkirk and Andy Dick. Tickets go on sale Monday at Ticketmaster.

For more information, go to [redeyechicago.com/showpatrol](http://redeyechicago.com/showpatrol).

### Rainn! Rivers! Radio!

Nerd rockers of the world unite! Rainn Wilson is teaming up with Rivers Cuomo to lay down some sweet licks on the Weezer frontman's new solo material.

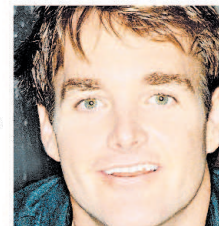


According to **rollingstone.com**, **Wilson**

fans can catch the new tunes April 11 on Sirius Radio's Alternative Radio Countdown Takeover, hosted by Cuomo and actor Jason Schwartzman.

### 'Arrested' developments?

Maybe it was an April Fools gag, but Mitch Hurwitz says he just might write "SNL" star Will Forte into his "Arrested Development" movie. "Hey Will, would you be in it?" Hurwitz asked Forte during a Wednesday conference call with reporters about their current project, Fox's animated series "Sit Down, Shut Up."



**Forte**

"Oh, my God, I'd love to. Is this an offer?" Forte responded. "Let me get my agent on the line."

Asked what role he would write for Forte, Hurwitz suggested "some sort of pet detective."

### 'Runway's' new home

One day you're in, the next you're out. Bravo is out. On Wednesday, Lifetime was granted rights to "Project Runway," which aired five seasons on Bravo. Lifetime will broadcast Season 6 this summer, a rep told RedEye on Wednesday. Lifetime has been involved in a legal battle with NBC Universal, which owns Bravo, and the Weinstein Co., for months.

### THE DIGIT

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Number of castles Nicolas Cage is down to after selling the German castle he bought two years ago, according to **people.com**. He still has another castle in England.